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## TRIVIA!

1). On 2 July 1943; operating with the 99<sup>th</sup> Fighter Squadron, shot down a German FW-190 over Sicily, becoming the first African American Army Air Forces pilot to shoot down an enemy aircraft; what is his name?

Hint: [http://www.acepilots.com/usaaf\\_tusk.html](http://www.acepilots.com/usaaf_tusk.html)



Email your answers to:

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Winners will be selected randomly & awarded a prize!

June '09 winner is:

**SSgt Felicia Green 343 TRS/DOB**  
(wins a Peanuts Gallery Figurine!)

*Did you know that the 37<sup>th</sup> TRW Office of History & Research as a MYSPACE for the BMT Photos? Ha, we sure do: to check it out click [here!](#)*

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## Featured Team Lackland unit:



## Wing Chaplains

The Air Force Chaplains have been in existence since 1948; however, it was not until 1 July, 1953, that the United States Air Force was given the responsibility of training their own Chaplains.

### CHAPLAIN CORPS CORE COMPETENCIES

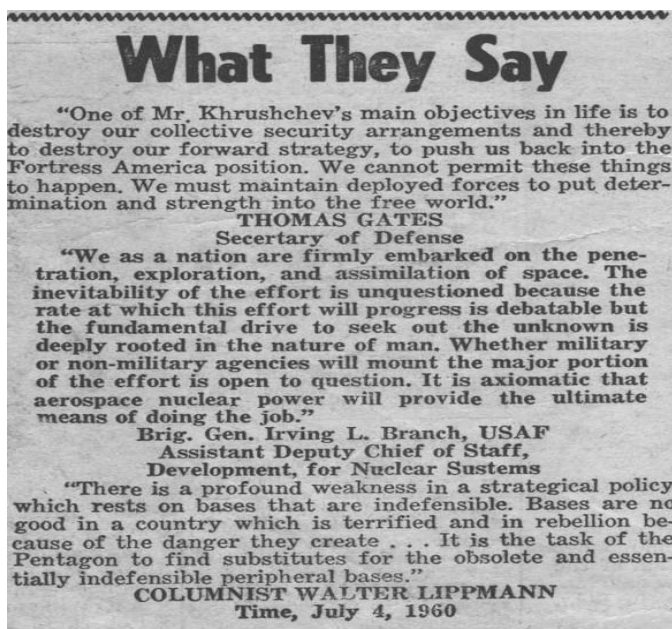
"Spiritual Care - for the spiritual needs of Air Force members and their families by providing for the diverse religious requirements."

### CHAPLAIN CORPS CORE VALUES

"Spiritual Health, Integrity, Service Before Self, and Excellence in All We Do."

## Quotes from Lackland Talespinner; July 1960

## Historical Tidbit:



On 17 July, 1944, 9<sup>th</sup> Air Force aircraft dropped Napalm bombs for the first time, from P-38s in Coutances, France. Napalm has been used frequently throughout the expanse of different conflicts - and proved a powerful weapon of military force.

## SSgt Esther Blake



On 8 July 1948, during the first hour on the first day that regular AF duty was authorized for women, Ester Blake became the first woman in the United States Air Force. Prior to this, she joined the Army Air Forces in 1944 upon notification that her older son had been shot down in a B-17 over Belgium. Her service continued after she separated in 1954 and worked for the Veterans Administration at Montgomery, AL until her death in 1979.

## This Month in History...

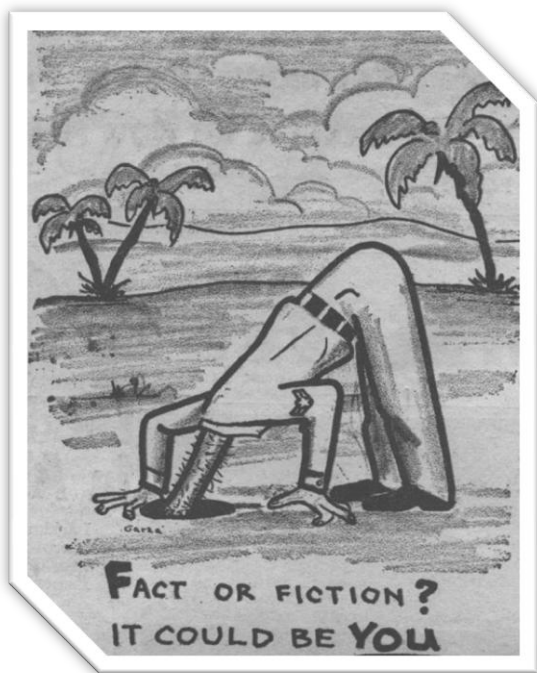
- 1950: USAF BMT expanded to encompass a second base; Training at Sheppard helped handle rapid expansion with the elevation of enlisted quotas.
- 1953: The Korean armistice was signed followed by the subsequent reduction in USAF basic training loads.
- 1959: Officer Training School was established at Lackland.
- 1975: Lackland's \$2.3 million dollar commissary opened for business.
- 2001: San Antonio Air Logistics Center was formally inactivated and the area west of the runway become known as the Kelly Field Annex.



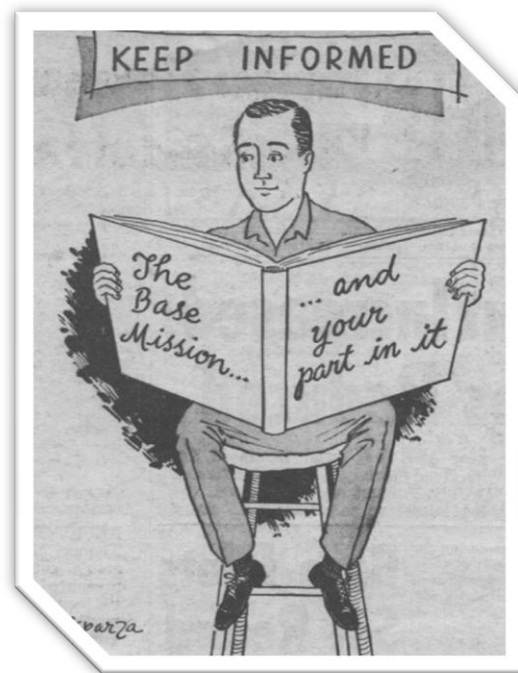
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Office of History & Research for a  
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*"Thank God men cannot as yet fly and  
lay waste the sky as well as the earth!"*

— Henry David Thoreau